MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

North River Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Townley Church, Walker County, Alabama,

September 23d, 24th and 25th, 1893.

OFFICERS:

W. B. APPLING, MODERATOR, ... Jasper, Ala.

J. S. WATTS, CLERK AND TREAS. ..... Day's Gap, Ala.

The Next Session will be held with Day's Gap Church, Walker County, Ala., commencing on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1894.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Read Constitution, Articles of Faith, and Rules of Decorum.
3. Presentation of Letters from the Churches.
4. Election of Officers.
5. Call for Petitionary Letters.
6. Invite visiting ministers not delegates to seats.
7. Receive Correspondence.
8. Return Correspondence.
9. Appointment of Special Committees:
    - (1). On Religious Exercises.
    - (2). On Documents and Requests.
    - (3). On Nominations.
    - (4). On Finance
10. Call for Report of Standing Committees:
    - (1). On Sunday Schools.
    - (2) On Temperance.
    - (3). On State Missions.
    - (4.) On Home Missions.
    - (5.) On Foreign Missions.
    - (6). On Education.
    - (7). On Religious Literature.
    - (8). Orphan's Home.
    - (9). On Prayer and Prayer Meetings.
    - (10). On Aged and Infirm Ministers.
11. Report of Treasurer.
12. Appoint Treasurer.
13. Call for Report of Special Committee:
    - (1). On Documents and Requests.
    - (2). On Nominations.
    - (3). On Finance.
14. Call for Report of Executive Committee.
15. Appoint Standing Committees.
16. Miscellaneous Business.
17. Read Minutes, call Roll and Adjourn.

MINUTES.

The Fifty-Ninth Annual Session of the North River Baptist Association convened with Townley Church, Walker County, Ala., on Saturday, September 23d, A. D. 1893.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. A. W. McGaha, of Howard College. Theme: "Jesus Christ came to save the lost." After preaching a recess was taken until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 p. m. the delegates reassembled in the house. After devotional exercises was called to order by our moderator, W. B. Appling.

On motion the reading of the Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum was dispensed with.

LIST OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES—ABSENTEES MARKED THUS*

Bethlehem—D. A. Kemp, *J. W. Popwell and Wm. McDuff.
Bethel—O. G. Kilgore, *W. J. Jones, *Jas. Wilcut, Jr.
Day's Gap—J. S. Watts, S. W Vice and *E. S. Carden.
Jasper—J. W. Rogers, R M. Hunter, Wm. Randolph, G. D. O'Rear, W. B. Appling, W. G. Davis, S. Lacy and *J. A. Huggins.
Liberty Grove—J. M. Sides, Jno. Keeton and G. H. Ramey
Liberty—Jas. Hilton, *W. T. Blackwell, *C. A. Sims and A. M. Hide.
Mt. Joy—H. G. Amerson, Z. Moore, *G. W, Jones and R. A. Baker.
Mt. Zion—Wm. Patton, N. Thacker, *A. Patton and A. D. Patton.
New Hope—E. H. Pool, *A. B. Clement and J. W. Bagwell.
Oregonia—D. J. Utley, *W. D. Utley and *W. R. Utley.
Providence—Isaac Brown, J. R. Sartain, *J. A. Doughless, B. F. Clements and W. A. Doughless.
Pleasant Grove—W. F. Sides, *Jas. Rutledge, Eld. *W. T. Rutledge, B. F. Thomas, J. E. Grace, *W. H. McLane and J. Blanton.
Townley—G. A. Townley, J. K. P. Manasco and Jno. King
Union Grove—*Shepherd Wilcut, *N. J. Waldrop and J. M. Thacker.
Zion—*J. W. Sanford, J. T. Busbee, L. B. Harbin and James T. Busbee.
Pleasant Field—J. T. Grace, W. P. Odom, J. L Leonard and *G. W. Taff.
Bethabara—W. B. Oakley, N. H. Harbin and W. A. Pendley.

Union—Arthur Crocker and L. Williams.
Samaria—A. L. Files, J. B. Sherer, R. M. Rice and J. D. Daniel.
Salem—*W. M. Jackson, S. W. Jackson.
New Prospect—J. P. Mooney, *W. H. Redmill, S. G. Cooner and S. G. Sherer.

The Association was permanently organized by the election, (by ballot) of W. B. Appling, Moderator, and J. S. Watts, Clerk.

Received letters and delegates from newly constituted churches, to-wit:

Bethpage—*Wm. J. O'Rear, J. A. Dees and M. Looney.
Coal City—J. B. Randolph, W. R. Randolph and J. W. Randolph.

Then invited visiting ministers, not delegates to seats.

Brethren A. W. McGaha, H. B. Allen, J. W. Stewart and E. L. Brown were received.

On motion suspended regular order to hear report on Education.

Report on Education read and after being discussed by A. W. McGaha was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on Education submit the following:

Education? What should it be? It should be the training of the minds and hearts of young men and women that would give them the best rounded character, mentally and morally Intellectually, education should be a training deep and broad, Proper education uplifts individuals and nations—while ignorance is the root of vice and degradation; therefore we ought to educate Oh! what a sad necessity—the want of education in our association as well as many portion of Alabama. Education given for good citizenship would be a grand compensation. We believe it to be the duty of the State to provide means for such an educatfon of its citizens as will render them intelligent suffragists. Another sad fact is, that some of our colleges and universities are listening to the demands of the Roman Catholics and Jews and are therefore removing from their midst the Holy Bible, the Word of God, and for this reason we as a denomination ought to go to work and build up High Schools in every community possible, and give our boys and girls as far as possible the benefit of an education and prepare them for college, and then patronize as far as we are able such institutions as those connected with and fostered by our State Convention, viz: The Judson Institute at Marion, for our girls, and Howard College at East Lake for our boys, and the Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

Respectfully,
G. D O'Rear, Chairman.

Received correspondence to-wit:

From Harmony Grove Association—J. E. Barnard and A. A. Smith.

Any of our brethren bearing minutes are authorized correspondents to any of the sister Associations with whom we correspond.

The following committees were announced.

On Religious Exercises—Pastors and Deacons of Townley church and Brethren S. W. Vice and J. L. Leonard.
On Finance—G. D. O'Rear, W. F. Sides and A. L. Files.

On Documents and Requests— H. G. Amerson, A. J. Hilton, and J. B. Randolph.
On Nominations—W. G. Davis, N. H. Harbin and Jno. King.

On motion, the report on Sunday Schools, was set for Sunday 9 a. m.

On motion the report on Temperance was set for Sunday 2:30 p. m.

Report of Committee on religious exercises:

Eld. Jas. Hilton to preach at the church to-night: Eld. Wm. Patton at Pleasant Hill School House.

Adjourned until Sunday 9 a. m.

SUNDAY MORNING.

At 9 a. m. met pursuant to adjournment.

After devotional exercises conducted by Wm. Randolph, Jr, was called to order.

Report on Sunday Schools was read and after being discussed by S. W. Vice and others was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sunday Schools would report that the subject of Sunday Schools has become a great question before the christian world. The fruits we have gathered from Sunday School work are apparent to all. When live Sunday Schools are kept up, a live church is sure to be the result. Peace, harmony, brotherly love, and ingathering of souls to Christ are sure to follow. The Bible is the Book of God, given to man to teach him the way of life. It is our bounden duty to teach it to our children and to impress upon their young and tender minds the important truths it contains and thereby aid them in learning the way of life and in the performance of this duty not only do we teach them, but each member may gain much scriptural knowledge which will strengthen his christian influence. We would urge the delegates of each church, which has no Sunday School, to make prayerful efforts to establish a school in their respective churches.

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. Vice, Chairman.

Adjourned for preaching.

At 11 a. m. a missionary sermon was preached by R. M. Hunter to a large and attentive congregation, after which a collection was taken for missions.

LIST OF PERSONS CONTRIBUTING.

L. B. Harbin, paid	$1 00	A. L. Files, paid	50
Jas. Hilton, paid	5 00	R. M. Rice, paid	50
R. M. Hunter, paid	1 00	Wm. McDuff, paid	50
W. B. Appling, paid	2 00	J. C. Daniel, paid	25
J. T. Morris, paid	1 00	J. B. Sherer, paid	1 00
R. A. Baker, paid	1 00	Wm, Patton, paid	50
W. T. Rutledge, paid	50	J. S. Watts, paid	50
E. O'Rear, paid	1 00	E. L. Brown, paid	1 00
Joseph Nations, paid	1 00	J D Pittman	5 00

Amount contributed.....$23.25
Then a hat collection was taken amounting to..... 9 26

Total amount collected.....$32.51

At 2 p. m. met pursuant to adjournment. After devotional exercises conducted by H. B. Allen called for report on Temperance.

Report read and after being discussed by several brethren was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance beg leave to say that no question is more important to this country financially, morally or religiously than that of Temperance, or rather its opposite—Intemperance.

That it is important in a financial point of view we need only call attention to the fact that about one hundred million of dollars are spent in this country every month for strong drink, saying nothing of the other and larger losses incident to such expenditures; that it is important in a moral sense we have only to see the devastation and crime; wrecked and ruined men, heart broken women, and neglected children growing up in ignorance and vice; that it is important religiously see the discord, exclusions and needed exclusions in our churches on account of Intemperance. We note with great pleasure the good work being accomplished among the unfortunate victims of strong drink by the Keely Institute, and would recommend all who have friends addicted to drink to see to it that they take the Keely treatment. God hasten the day when all church members shall be total abstainers from strong drink.

Sheriff Lacy, Chairman.

On motion adjourned until 8 a. m., Monday.

MONDAY MORNING

At 8 a. m. met pursuant to adjournment and after devotional exercises conducted by J. R. Sartain was called to order.

Then received letter and delegates—From Mt. Carmel, Joseph Nations, *J. T. Morris, and *Joshua Pate.

On motion it was agreed to discuss all the report on missions jointly.

All the reports on missions was read and after being discussed by J. W. Rogers and others was adopted. Speeches on missions limited to ten minutes.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS,

To the North River Association now in its Fifty-Ninth Annual Session:

Dear Brethren:—After carefully surveying the subject of State Missions and the work of the State Board of Missions, we find that much has been done for the desitution of our State; and yet there remains much more for the Baptists of Alabama to accomplish in this grand and noble work.

Synopsis of the work of the Board for the conventional year of 1891-92: Missionaries 50; days of labor performed, 5443; miles traveled, 24884; sermons preached, 2224· addresses made, 516; churches constituted, 12; persons baptized, 198; persons baptized by others in connection with their work, 248; received by letter, 230; restored 22; Sunday Schools organized, 50; Sunday School

addresses made, 162; Ladies missionaries societies organized, 29; prayer meetings organized, 28; prayer meetings held 594: regular preaching stations without churches, 79; visits to preaching stations 303; number of visits made, 5,085; pages of tracts distributed, 16,431; meeting houses commenced 13; meeting houses finished 6; money collected for meeting houses, $1453.78; money collected for state missions, $1036.62; home missions, $117 06; for foreign missions, $94.27; for ministerial education, $78.50; for indigent ministers, $2.71; for Bible and Colportage work, $7.04

There are 70 or 75 Associations in the State; only 50 of that number have co-operated with the State Board in this grand and noble work. The other 20 or 25 must be persuaded to fall into line and lend a helping hand. Those Associations out of line No. 16368 members. If one can chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, what might those sixteen thousand do if they were only alive to this work? How shall we reach them?

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Rogers, Chairman.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board has a record—a record in earth and in Heaven. Its work is its monument—not of marble but of churches and chapels from the mountains to the seas—a monument not to the dead, but to the living; for its work is a living, growing work.

Its achievements have been grand; its possibilities are glorious. In the neglected spots of our great cities, in our growing towns, from among the pioneers of our civilization, from forest and prairie, from frontier cabin and ranchman's camp, within the last ten years have been gathered by the Home Mission Board more than 25,000 churches and 75,000 baptized believers. Aided by this Board the work done by Diaz on the island of Cuba is simply marvellous.

While Alabama has but one Home Board Missionary, yet there are 368 throughout the whole field embraced in the United States and Cuba. During the conventional year of 1893 these missionaries have organized 412 Sunday Schools; built 92 houses of worship, constituted 155 churches and received 16,611 members into the fellowship of these churches

What if there are no Home Board Missionaries in our Association are we to withhold our support from this grand work? Nay, verily: ours is not a selfish religion. If we have the spirit of our Savior we will give it to the whole world. There are more than enough preachers in our Association to occupy every foot of territory for Christ and his Baptists. The money we give will come back to us in the souls of emigrants converted to Baptist faith, which is Bible faith. The prospect brightens—every man to his work. It is said that the immortal Henry Clay was once crossing the Alleghany mountains. Reaching their summit he descended from the stage coach, and with his cloak wrapped around him, stood as though he were intently listening. A friend asked, "Mr. Clay for what are you listening?" "For the steps of the coming millions," replied Virginia's great statesman. Brethren, hold your ear to earth and listen, and you will hear the tramp, tramp, tramp of coming millions, baby nations yet unborn—millions in the womb of coming ages waiting the day of deliverance, the hour of a glorious destiny. Creation groans in travail; America is pregnant with promises awaiting the fulfilment of prophecy. The eyes of all nations, both heathen and civilized, are now turned towards us for they are expecting great things of this great country. Then let our mighty denominations not only keep pace, but keep abreast of these times of growing activity.

Your committee beg leave to close this report with the language of the venerable J. B. Gambrel of Mercer University: "Multitudes of people speaking strange tongues will flow into this Southland. At first the Northern man with American ideas will come, but he will be followed by men from every nation under heaven. To prepare for, meet and christianize these millions is the work of the Home Board. Along the mountain fastnesses of the Virginias, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Arkansas, Alabama and the great coming cities of the South the battles are to be fought within a generation which will decide the spiritual destiny of this country a thousand years, as human affairs run. Nor is this the whole of it The great numbers and strength of the Baptists of the South, through our Home Board, must be turned on the millions of lost souls in the North who are overbearing our Northern brethren. This is a defensive measure, since these people are to greatly affect our common country."

"There never was a time when we needed broader, deeper, more far-reaching plans for our Home Board than now."

R. M. Hunter, Chairman,

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We your committee on foreign missions report: As to the great missionary problem would say to pastors, churches and parents, we must address ourselves to you earnestly The supreme motive of missions is to glorify God, as well as to save souls. God commands and we must obey. The work in China, Japan, India, Africa, South America, Italy and Mexico, in spite of the great trials in China is stronger in the great empire than ever before. The great battle to be fought against infidelity is in Japan and the Orients. Our Baptist churches out in foreign fields in 1881-82 numbered 20; in 1891-92 numbered 74. Our Northern brethren who have been at work 74 years report 1,549 mission churches with a membership of 16881, the average number of baptisms to the church at home is 4, in foreign fields the average number to each church is 12 baptisms. The average contribution to each member in foreign field is $1.13. We have in the foreign field 475 workers, while the Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Methodist and Disciples have 1434. They have three times as many workers, five times as much money, but we have 18000 converts more than all the protestant denominations put together. The reason is Baptists depend on the Bible as their guide, the Holy Ghost to accompany the word, aided by a converted church. To day how enlarged is the field for sowing the seed of the gospel. The doors of all the foreign nations are open; they ask us to come in and possess the land. Will we do it? We must do it for God says we can Are you all ready? Are each of you ready? The master says, "be ye also ready." Oh! think of the world perishing and the churches and people being asleep, saying a little more sleep a little more slumber. The great marching order is to go into all the world and preach the gospel, (not a gospel) to every creature. We are the salt of the earth to save the world but salt will not save while barrelled up, it must be spread out and put on every part of the meat before it can save. We must spread out, come in contact with each individual, in order to have a saving efficacy. We are also the light of the world, we must have a candle-stick church in every locality with a lighted candle thereon, in order to give light. Are we not responsible? Does not God bring us under obligation to do these things? We cannot shift that responsibility off on some one else. Realizing that the great command was given to our antecedents and that this same Baptist church and doctrine has been handed down fro-

generation to generation, and that we are the only true church of Jesus Christ and never had any connection with Rome but always separate and apart from her and all her offsprings called Protestants. Let us never rest nor tire until the banner of King Emanuel be planted on every Isle, and at every house in all the world, so the kingdom of God may prevail and that the Church become triumphant and that the glory of God may cover the face of the earth as the waters do the channels of the great deep. Respectfully submitted,

JAMES HILTON, Chairman.

On motion Eld. J. A. Howard was received from North Carolina.

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That all the pastors of this Association preach one missionary sermon a month, or quarter, and take up a collection for missions. R. M. HUNTER.

On motion the regular order was suspended to hear a speech from Bro. J. W. Stewart in the interest of the Orphan's Home. Then a collection was taken for the Orphan's Home amounting to $13.26.

The following reports were adopted:

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We your committee on Religious Literature report as follows:

We recommend the Southern Baptist Convention Series as a Sunday School Literature—and we recommend that the brethren of our association in buying any religious books, buy them from our book depository at Opelika, Ala., of which J. F. Collier is agent; we further recommend as religious newspapers the Alabama Baptist, published at Montgomery, Ala., although the subscription price may seem to be high, the Home Field published at Atlanta Ga., the State Mission Quarterly published at Marion, Ala., the Western Record published at Louisville, Ky., and the Home Mission Journal and we hereby urge upon all our people the great importance of placing religious literature in their families.

We also recommend the American Baptist Publication Society Sunday School Literature as good. Respectfully,

J. F. APPLING, Chairman.

REPORT ON VOCAL MUSIC.

We your committee on Vocal Music report that so far as our knowledge extends our people are beginning to wake up to this important work, our people have greatly improved in the science of Vocal Music in our bounds since our last session, yet we see a tendency to use a fashionable music in our church that has no spirituality about it. We think it time to call a halt and return to the old land marks. H. G. AMERSON, Chairman.

The committee on aged and infirm ministers being absent a committee was appointed to make a report this evening, to-wit: James Hilton, Wm. Randolph and D. A. Kemp.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Bal. on hand from last year	$ 90
Received of Finance Committee	87 57
" for L. B. Harbin	13 61
Total Receipts	$102 08

Paid L. B. Harbin	$13 61
W. B. Crumpton, State Misssions	8 71
" " " Home "	17 95
" " " Foreign "	23 45
For printing minutes	28 25
Express paper and postage	2 87
Clerk	7 24
Total amount paid out	$102 08
Balance due Clerk for services rendered	7 79

Respectfully submitted,
J. S. Watts, Treasurer.

Appointed J. S. Watts, Treasurer, for ensuing year.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS AND REQUESTS.

We your committee on documents have examined into the papers and documents handed to us and beg to say that we find a petition from Bethel Church asking the Association to give back the district meetings. We recommend that the Association still retain the fifth Sunday meetings in place of the district meetings. We find nothing else that claims the attention of the body.

Respectfully submitted,
H. G. Amerson, Chairman.

The Moderator announced standing committees, to-wit:

On Sunday Schools—S Lacy, Wm McDuff and W T Rutledge
On Temperance—J R Sartain, Jno King and H G Amerson
On State Missions—R M Hunter, S W Vice and B F Thomas
On Home Missions—James Hilton, N H Harbin and L Williams
On Foreign Missions—W T Rutledge, J L Leonard and J W Bagwell
On Education—G G Bagwell, J K P Manasco and W R Randolph.
On Ministerial Education—R M Hunter, A L Files, and J B Randolph
On Religious Literature—W G Davis, J A Dees and W F Sides
On Prayer and Prayer Meetings—J W Rogers, R M Rice and E L Brown
On Aged and Infirm Ministers—R A Baker, William Patton, and J P Mooney

On motion the committee on vocal music was dispensed with.

Appointed the following committees:

On Orphan's Home—G D O'Rear, C C Collins and James T Buzbee.
On Baptist History—R M Hunter.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance, report as follows:

Received for State Missions, cash and vouchers	$95 77
" " Home "	2 75
" " Foreign "	2 60
" " Minutes	26 55
" " Associational purposes	9 95
Total	$137 62

Paid Treasurer for Foreign Missions	$ 2 60	
" " " Home "	2 75	
" " " Minutes	26 55	
" " " Associational purposes	9 95	
" Executive committee cash and voucher	95 77	—$137 62

Respectfully submitted,
G. D. O'Rear, Chairman.

Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1 p m. met pursuant to adjournment. After devotional exercises conducted by L. B. Harbin, was called to order.

REPORT OF AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

Your committee on aged and infirm ministers report that we find none except Eld. L. B. Harbin. We commend him to you as one worthy of your care.
Respectfully submitted, Jas. Hilton, Chairman.

On motion the regular order was suspended and collection taken for Eld. L. B. Harbin amounting to$5 25; Jasper church gave him $10, Samaria church gave him $5 50.

REPORT ON PRAYER AND PRAYER MEETINGS.

Your committee on Prayer and Prayer Meetings report as follows: We are glad to know that some churches and communities have a well ordered prayer meeting. And we do recommend that each church have a well ordered prayer service each week as soon as they can meet and organize, and that each church organize a prayer service in each destitute section in their reach as soon as possible. Respectfully submitted, J. R. Sartain, Chairman.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We your committee on Nominations report as follows: To preach the Introductory Sermon at our next Association, Jno R Sartain, A Kilgore, alternate; to preach Sunday at 11 o'clock, R M Hunter, J W Rogers, alternate. The following named brethren are named to go to the Baptist State Convention: Jas Hilton, W B Appling, G D O'Rear, S W Vice, L B Harbin, R A Baker, C C Collins, C R McCord, J F McDuff, J L Leonard and W T Rutledge; also name R M Hunter to go to the Southern Baptist Convention, Z J Amerson, alternate; we recommend that the next session of this Association be held with the Day's Gap church on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September 1894.
Respectfully submitted, W. G. Davis, Chairman.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We your Executive Committee beg leave to submit the following report:—A meeting of this committee was held during the last session of our association after the announcement of our appointment by the Moderator, at which meeting the following committeemen were present, to-wit: G. D. O'Rear, D. H. Clifton, W. F. Sides and J. F. Appling, and also Bro. James Hilton, who had been working for us as a missionary during the associational year and proposed to continue to work for the association as a missionary during the present associational year for $30.00 per month for actual services rendered, $15.00 of which was to be paid by the Association and $15.00 to be collected by Bro. Hilton on his field of work; all of which action of said meeting of the Executive Committee was sub-

mitted to the association then in session, and approved by the association, and on said approval we your Executive Committee employed Bro. James Hilton to travel and preach in the deserted parts of our association at the above named prices and to continue during the Associational year, unless ordered to stop work, with instructions to make monthly reports to the Executive Committee and also to make a full report to this association at this time; which report will show to the association the work he has accomplished. Attached hereto is a statement of receipts and disbursements by your committee, during the past associational year:

Sept 25, 1892	To balance on hand from last year	$20 56
Jan 29, 1893	amount from Samaria Church	17 17
" " "	" " Jasper "	6 00
Feb 25 "	" of corn (2 bu. from Samariah Church)	1 30
May 1 "	" from Jasper Church	20 00
June 30 "	" " " "	15 00
Sept 20 "	" " " "	18 44
" 25 "	" " Sunday's collection	32 51
" " "	" " Finance Committee	8 00
		$138 98

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Oct. 27 1892	By cash paid James Hilton,	$15 00	
Jan 30 1893	" " " " "	23 17	
Feb 25 "	" (2 bu. corn) " "	1 30	
May 1 "	" cash paid " "	20 00	
June 20 "	" " " " "	15 00	
Sept 20 "	" subscription of SW Vice	5 00	
Sept 25 "	" amt. paid James Hilton, Missionary	59 51	—$138 98

Respectfully submitted, J. F. Appling, Chairman.

P. S.—Our Missionary, James Hilton, has rendered 11½ months services for which he is entitled to $172.50, and has received from this committee on said services, $138.98. Balance due him $33.52.

REPORT OF JAMES HILTON, Missionary.

Sermons preached 181; exhortations 126; prayers 234; Sunday School addresses 30; Sunday School organized 1; prayer meetings attended 33; churches constituted 1; deacons ordained 2; churches visited 30; families visited 299; baptized 25; received by letter 41; received from churches $49.50; received from executive committee $138.98; received from individuals, $40.20; received from L B Harbin $1, sister L B Harbin 50cts; miles travelled 1760. I also attended the State Baptist Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

James Hilton.

Appointed Executive Committee to-wit: J. F. Appling, G. D. O'Rear D. J. Files, D. H. Clifton and W. F. Sides.

On motion the Association recommend that the Executive Committee employ Bro. James Hilton for as much of his time as they can pay for, and that the churches either send the money or vouchers to the Executive Committee, and the money collected by Bro. Hilton on the field be reported to the Executive Committee and that the Executive Committee pay him $25 dollars per month.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

According to resolutions passed by the last Association, representatives from the churches met with Day's Gap church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1893, and organized a Sunday School Convention, to be known as the North River Baptist Sunday School Convention After attending the business of the Convention adjourned to meet with the Jasper church, on Friday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1894. J. F. APPLING, President.

J. S. WATTS, Secretary.

The following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Association divide its territory into two Fifth Sunday Districts making Loss Creek the dividing line. J. K. P. MANASCO.

RESOLVED, That this Association return thanks to this people for their kind hospitality extended us. R. M. HUNTER.

RESOLVED, That the clerk pay himself out of the Associational fund balance for services rendered last year, $7.76.

Then a collection was taken to supplement the minute fund, amounting to $3 75

On motion the clerk was directed to omit printing Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum.

RESOLVED, That the pastors in this Association try to get their churches to give at least 5cts per month per member for missions. R. M. HUNTER.

RESOLVED, That we tender thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for their efficient services rendered during this session of the Association. G. D. O'REAR.

On motion it was ordered that the Clerk be allowed ten dollars for his services and that he have as many minutes printed as he can out of the remaining fund.

On motion it was ordered to omit reading the minute except calling the roll.

After prayer and extending the parting hand, the Association adjourned to meet with Day's Gap Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1894

W. B. APPLING, MODERATOR.

J. S. WATTS, Clerk.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Betlehem will pay for missions during next year	$ 10 00
Bethpage " " " " " " "	5 00
Jasper Church " " " " " " "	100 00
Liberty Grove " " " " " " "	10 00
Liberty " " " " " " "	10 00
Pleasant Grove " " " " " "	13 00
Providence " " " " " "	11 00
Townley Church " " " " " "	7 50
Union Grove " " " " " "	2 00
Total	$168.50.

CENTENNIAL FUND.

Day's Gap	$ 12 20
Jasper Church	50 75
Total	$62 95.

CHURCH BUILDING AND OTHER PURPOSES.

Bethpage	$ 3 05
Day's Gap	597 37
Jasper Church	439 89
Coal City	193 40
Mt. Carmel	10 00
	$1144 71

AGED MINISTERS.

Jasper Church	$ 10 00
Samaria	5 20
Collected for L. B. Harbin during Association	5 25
Total	$20 45

STATISTICS OF NORTH RIVER ASSOCIATION, 1893.

CHURCH	PASTOR.	CLERK	CLERK P. O	In'cre by Baptism	In'cre by Letter	In'cre by Restored.	Dec by Letter	Dec by Excluded	Dec by Died.	Tot'l M'mbership	Minute Fund	Assn'n Fund	State Mission	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Pastor's Salary	Sunday Meeting	Sunday School	Prayer Meeting
Bethabara	Wm. Patton	W. B. Oakley	Berry				5	2		31	$ 55	$ 50	$ 3 85	....	50	15 00	4	..	..
Bethlehem	J. B Ferguson	W W. Popwell	Berry				4	2	1	71	1 00	50	9 35	....	....	.....	2	1	..
Bethel	J. T. Jones	Jas. Wilcut, Jr.	Day's Gap				..	1	2	34	75	....	.....	....	....	.....	3	..	..
Berry Station	Not represented																		
Bethpage	J. W. Rogers	S. S. Bowser	Jasper				2	..	..	33	50	....	6 85	....	....	13 00	...	1	..
Day's Gap	R. M. Hunter	J. S. Watts	Day's Gap	3	7	1	7	1	..	57	1 50	1 25	.....	...	....	77 85	4	1	1
Carbon Hill	Not represented																		
Friendship	Not represented																		
Hepsibah	Not represented																		
Jasper	R. M. Hunter	S. Lacy	Jasper	20	7	..	2	1	1	121	3 00	2 00	107 33	4 00	4 00	524 16	1 2 3	1	1
Coal City	W. T Rutledge	J W. Randolph	Jasper	2	17	1	..	..	..	20	60	40	.....	...	....	3 40	....	..	..
Lebanon	Not represented																		
Liberty Grove	C C. Collins	J. M. Sides	Kirk	10	5	..	..	1	..	65	1 50	....	.....	....	....	33 00	3	..	1
Liberty	W. P. Smith	W. L. Blackwell	Nauvoo	6	3	..	4	..	..	39	1 25	....	12 00	.....	.....	25 00	1	1	1
Mt. Zion	Wm. Patton	N. Thacker	Patton	8	1	..	..	..	..	59	1 00	....	3 40	1 00	1 10	18 30	2	..	1
Mt. Joy	Wm. Patton	H. G. Amerson	Toledo	5	..	..	13	..	..	61	1 00	....	3 25	1 75	1 00	100 00	3	..	1
Mt. Carmel	J. W. Rogers	J. A. Sumner	Cordova	1	2	..	..	..	..	60	1 00	50	5 00	....	....	46 07	1	..	..
New Hope	.....	A. B. Clements	Oregonia	1	3	..	1	..	..	58	75	50	6 00	....	..	.....	2	1	..
New Prospect	W. T. Rutledge	M. M. Sherer	Jasper	11	3	..	10	..	3	65	1 00	50	.....	....	....	20 00	1	1	..
Oregonia	O. N. Dobbs	W. R. Utley	Oregonia	....	..	..	10	2	1	27	75	25	.....	....	....	.....	.....	..	..
Pleasant Grove	J. R. Sartain	W. F. Sides	Day's Gap	12	..	3	2	..	1	205	2 00	80	3 60	....	....	.....	2	..	1
Providence	J. R. Sartain	W. M. Watts	Day's Gap	3	2	..	6	2	..	94	1 25	75	1 50	....	....	.....	3	..	..
Pleasant Field	H. A. Key	J. T. Grace	Day's Gap	10	5	..	..	1	1	46	1 00	....	.....	....	....	.....	2	..	..
Samaria	C. C. Collins	R. M. Rice	Jasper	....	3	..	6	2	1	75	2 00	1 00	23 47	..	....	64 80	....	..	..
Salem	W. T. Rutledge	H. C. Crump	Jasper	....	..	..	4	1	3	20	50	25	.....	....	....	3 00	....	..	..
Townley	J. E. Barnard	L. W. Wright	Townley	5	4	..	..	..	..	72	1 00	..	5 65	....	....	.....	1	1	..
Union Grove	J. T. Jones	G. W. Baker	Corona	1	1	..	..	..	..	40	75	..	.....	....	....	.....	4	..	..
Union	Wm. Randolph	A. Crocker	Boldo	....	2	..	..	..	..	9	25	25	.....	....	....	.....	2	..	..
Zion	F. White	I. M. Buzbee	Jug	2	3	..	5	15	..	60	1 00	50	.....	....	....	.....	1	..	..
Total	.....	.....	.....	100	6	5	81	3	4	1423	$26 55	9 95	280 25	6 75	6 60	943 58			